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Outline

- **My Background**
- **ViDe, SURA & Internet2 Commons**
- **Overview of the Videoconferencing Cookbook**
- **Draft outline for a Grid Cookbook**
- **Potential Collaborators**
- **Next Steps**

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My Background

- **29.5 Years at Georgia Tech in Academic and Research Computing Support**
 - **15 Years directed toward HPC**
- **BA from Indiana University in Mathematics & Computer Science**
- **MS from Georgia Tech in Computer Science**
- **MS from Georgia Tech in Earth & Atmospheric Sciences**
- **Founding member of ViDe**
- **Member of Internet2 Commons Management Team**



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- **Video Development Initiative**
 - Promotes the deployment of digital video in higher education and research environments through promotion and development of interoperable, standardized, and cost-effective technologies.
 - Video conferencing, digital rights management, and middleware for directory services
 - Vide.Net & Global Dialing Scheme (GDS)
 - Annual workshop on digital video
 - Collaboration and middleware testbed projects
 - Cookbooks and whitepapers

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- **Southeastern University Research Assoc.**
 - **60+ Universities in the US**
 - **Promote/incubate/catalyze Physics, Information Technologies, and Coastal Research**
 - **Jefferson Lab**
 - **SURANet**
 - **MAX and SOX Gigapops**
 - **SURA/AT&T Optical Network Partnership**
 - **HPC-Grid Initiatives Planning Group**



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Internet2 Commons

- **Planning and Recommendation**
- **H.323 Subscription Service**
- **Training for Site Coordinators**
- **Annual Megaconference**
- **Hosting and Vetting Services**
 - **Wave3 (SIP)**
 - **INSORS (Access Grid)**



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Why a VC Cookbook?

- VC dropped in price with IP availability
- There were few books or guides on VC
- We wanted to see more use of advanced video services on Internet2
- We wanted to collaborate across our region (and started a tradition of “Southern Cooking”)

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Translations

- **Spanish**

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

- **Portuguese**

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul,
Brazil

Rede Nacional de Ensino e Pesquisa (RNP)

Extending the audience



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A focus on
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- VRVS
- MPEG
- Motion JPEG (MJPEG)
- Access Grid
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- Wireless and Satellite Video
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**What the
future
holds;
things to
watch for**



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- Tips for Selecting and Tuning your PC
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- Network Fundamentals for the Videoconference
 - Network Address Translation (NAT)
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 - DSL and Cable Modem
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- Campus Deployment Issues
- ViDe.Net: An International Videoconferencing Network
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- **Developing a Productive Videoconferencing Room**
 - **What About Multicast?**
 - **Broadcasting, Archiving, and Reuse of Videoconferences Through Video Streaming**
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**Specific
user
groups,
extended
audiences**



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Lessons Learned

- **Development, Revision - Cycle & Method**
- **Two Editors Work Best**
 - Recruitment and nurturing
 - Site work
 - First edits
- **Quality Control is Key**
- **One Year “Recovery” Period**
- **Funding for Revisions is Important**

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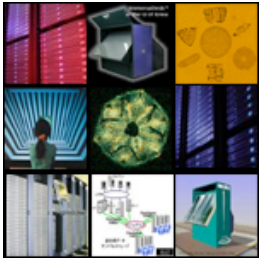
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Why a Cookbook on Grids?

- **Using Grids still requires understanding**
- **We want to see more use of Grids**
- **Grid standards are still in infancy**
- **Books exist but are often too general or very complex**
- **We feel a lighter, friendlier, maintainable resource is needed**
- **We want to collaborate across Grid projects**

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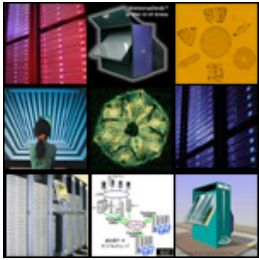
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Who is the Audience?

- **Beginners:**
 - Users/researchers
 - Higher level administrators
 - Those just curious
- **Programmers**
- **New developers or Integrators**
- **All of the above**

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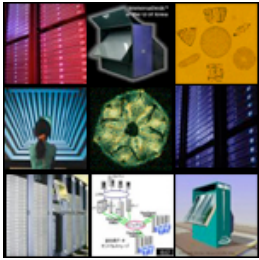
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Draft(y) Outline

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- Why this guide
- Intended readers
- How to use

■ Introduction

- What is a grid
- Typical resources and services on a grid
- How grids work
- Security and grids (How secure is grid use)
- more

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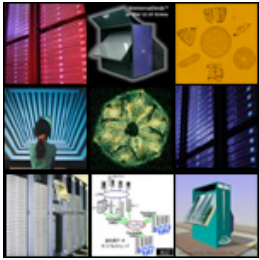
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■ What Can Grids Do for You?

- Payoffs via access, performance, speedup, collaboration
- Trends in computational and networked services
- more

■ Case Studies

- Overview of 3-6 grid technologies with discussion of applications using them

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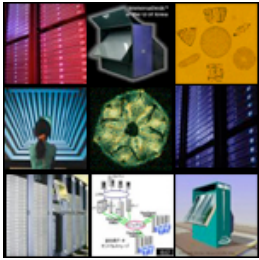
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■ Current Technology for Grids

- An overview of grid architecture(s), layers
- Grid domains (single and multiple)
- Middleware & service directories
- Certificates & certificate authorities
- Monitoring tools
- Networks and grids
- Data Management
- Heterogeneous versus homogenous grids
- Grid projects/software/tool kits (Overviews of specific projects like Globus, VDT, Gridlab, etc.)
- more

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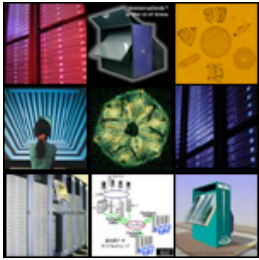
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■ Grid Standards & Emerging Technologies

- Where are the standards?
- Portals, schedulers [and metaschedulers]
- Certificate and registry services
- Grid in a box?
- Enhanced services: visualization engines, specialized instruments, etc.
- Projects/software/toolkits (Globus 4, webservices, etc.)
- more

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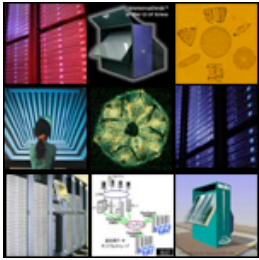
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- **Programming concepts and challenges**
 - Access to and scheduling of resources
 - Security and security integration with existing authn/z structures
 - Data access and storage
 - Network communication
 - Usage/programming examples
 - more

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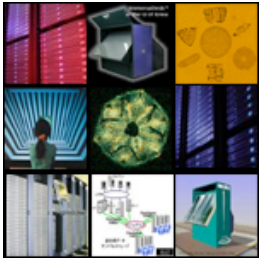
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- **Building or Joining a Grid**
 - **Determining the appropriate grid strategy**
 - **Designing your grid strategy**
 - **Choosing a system administrator/manpower requirements**
 - **Software repositories/distribution services**
 - **Installation**
 - **Management and monitoring**
 - **Security notes (certificates, firewall issues, patching, etc.)**
 - **more**

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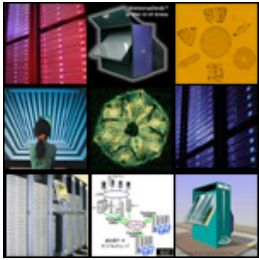
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- **Grid Installation Procedure(s)**
 - Simple basic grid example, and/or
 - Grid specific material

- **Grid Usage Example(s)**
 - For simple example grid, and/or
 - For specific grid solution

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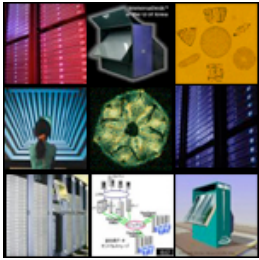
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- **Practical Tips, FAQ, other**
 - How long does it take to build a grid?
 - Grids and AFS
 - Grids across multiple OS platforms (aka. Image consistency)
 - War stories from veterans
 - more

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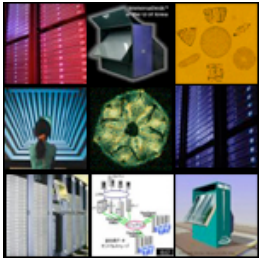
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■ **Glossary (or links to glossaries)**

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- **Related links**
 - **Resources**
 - **Organizations**
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 - **Software distributions**
 - **Alliances and Application Communities**
- **Grid bulletin boards and mailing lists**
- **Benchmarks and performance**
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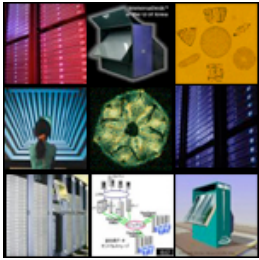
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Potential Collaborators

- **SURA**
- **Georgia Tech**
- **Open Science Grid**
- **CCT (LSU)**
- **University System of Georgia**
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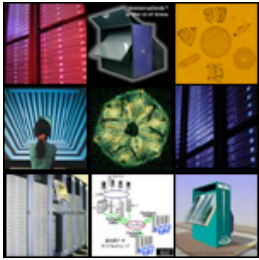
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Next Steps

- **Identify funding sources/programs**
- **Identify (first round) players**
- **Continue working outline**
- **Formulate structure, features, etc.**
- **Complete timetable**
- **Complete proposal**

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